



BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

374 KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

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May 26, 2010 MEETING

374 HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

MINUTES

Commissioners Present

Steven Afriat, President

Renée Campbell, Vice President

Diana Wood, Secretary

Sara Vasquez, Commissioner

James Barger, Commissioner

County Representatives

Barbara Goul, County Counsel

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector

Carmen Sainz, Regional Planning

Ben Garcia, Sheriff's Department

Scott Hennessy, Sheriff's Department

Commission Services Staff

Twila P. Kerr

Garen Khachian

Lupe Duron

Guests

Michelle Diaz, Kennedy Court Reporter

Maria Andrade

Alvaro Corona

Monica Corona

Francisco Elizindo Jr.

Neil Evans, UITD

Craig L. Justice

Victor Garate

Oswaldo Guidos

Donald K. Luepnitz

Ali Nasrollahi

Jeffrey Weiss, Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

President Afriat called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

MINUTES

ACTION TAKEN: MINUTES of May 12, 2010 – Approved.

Motion: President Afriat, seconded by Commissioner Barger

Abstention: Vice President Campbell, Secretary Wood

Vote: Duly carried

PUBLIC HEARING

Hearing on Application for Bingo Operator Business License ID #136520

Craig L. Justice
Norwalk Moose Lodge Loyal Order of Moose #1739
13305 Imperial Hwy
Whittier, CA 90605 (Fourth District)

Mr. Justice informed the Commission that he will be the operator at the mentioned above premises. Mr. Donald Lupenitz, Bingo Manager applicant, informed the Commission that the lodge had a previous Bingo license which expired 10 years ago. They would like to reestablish the license for Moose lodge Charity.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved the aforementioned license

Motion: President Afriat, seconded by Secretary Wood

Vote: Unanimously carried

Hearing on Application for Bingo Manager Business License ID #136519

Donald K. Luepnitz
Norwalk Moose Lodge Loyal Order of Moose #1739
13305 Imperial Hwy
Whittier, CA 90605 (Fourth District)

Mr. Lupenitz testified that the Norwalk Moose Lodge plans to hold bingo on Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The maximum occupancy is 250 people. The Fire Marshall card is posted on the wall. All players are required to be 18 years and older and security is present during the games. The lodge owns all bingo equipment. Prizes will be based on the number of participants. Mr. Lupenitz stated that he has read and understands of the rules for a bingo manager.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved the aforementioned license

Motion: President Afriat, seconded by Secretary Wood

Vote: Unanimously carried

Hearing on Recommendation to Deny Public Eating Business License ID#126620 continued from March 17, 2010 and April 21, 2010

Mr. Alvaro Corona & Ms. Maria Andrade
Deloy's Bar & Cafe
4134-36 Whittier Blvd
Los Angeles, CA 90022 (First District)

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office, was present on behalf of County staff and reported that the Sheriff's Department recommended that this renewal application be denied. Lt. Hennessy testified the bar has a long history of being a problem bar and that for a period of October 2006 to present, alone, the Sheriff's Department received ten calls for service from the location, nine calls on the corner of bar for bar fights, 25 arrests for citation which included public intoxication, and possession and sale of cocaine, regarding the above mentioned business.

The Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) conducted six undercover sting operations at the above premises. Seven employees were cited for violations and one arrested and jailed for possession of control substance. The violation included employee drinking while on duty, B-girls to solicit drinks from cliental, which are not employees of the bar, but possibly a contract employees, unreported income and issue of sale tax. In addition, the owner of the bar allegedly knowingly attempted to purchase stolen alcohol. Currently, there are criminal charges pending against both owners. The property behind the bar was un-kept and it became a public nuisance and needed to be abateted. Gang members were taking refuge at the rear of the building.

The Commission recessed at 10:41 a.m.

The Commission reconvened at 10:49 a.m.

President Afriat informed Mr. Weiss it is in his right to cross-examine County representatives. The Commission questioned Monica Corona, daughter-in-law of applicants about the last call and the closure of the business. Ms. Corona informed the Commission that last call is around 1:30 a.m. and both owners are present when the business closes at 1:45 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Francisco Elizindo Jr., Realtor and Recycling Center owner, a resident of the area for the past 20 years testified the owners are good people. He frequents the bar twice a week.

Monica Corona, stated the business was purchased by the current owner in 2000 and they inherited the tenants at the rear of the bar. She informed the Commission the Department of Regional Planning issued a citation because the rear area was un-kept. The owner has since cleaned the area.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission upheld the recommendation to deny Business License ID #126620, based on the following findings:

- Representation of the Sheriff's report of criminal activity
- ABC violations
- Circumstance surrounding the use of bar-girls; possible failure to pay all sale taxes, lack of proper payroll and bar-girls operating as contract employees
- Poor upkeep of location
- Lack of graffiti abatement, and
- Business is a public nuisance and detrimental to the public.

Motion: Commissioner Vasquez, seconded by President Afriat

Vote: Unanimously carried

Hearing on Taxicab License Modification Business License ID#137346

Ali Nasrollahi
All Yellow Taxi, Inc.
17800 S. Main Street, 101
Gardena, CA 90248 (Second District)

President Afriat excused himself due to conflict of interest.

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's office, reported that the applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals, and reported the Sheriff Department has no objection to issuance of the license.

Neil Evans, Attorney representing United Independent Taxi Drivers, Inc., and Independent Taxi's Inc., stated the notice received of the modification does not speak to the request for an additional 33 licenses. He added in his opinion, in this economy there isn't any need to expand the service. Expansion would put the public at a disadvantage when cabs are competing for calls, due to more supply and limited demand.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission continued the above-mentioned item to June 16, 2010.

Motion: Vice President Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Barger

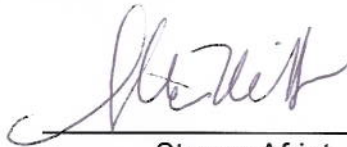
Vote: Unanimously carried

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

The Commission adjourned at 11:35 a.m.



Steven Afriat, President